

SAIONJI-HARADA MEMOIRS

## Chapter 249 (20 August 1937)

When I met the Lord Keeper of the Privy Seal at his residence, he said: "Lt. (jg) Oyama was killed. Thus, at Shanghai no settlement was made and there is grave concern because the issue has come to be of considerable magnitude. I think the settlement of this issue is very difficult. - - - On the night of the 13th, an extraordinary session of the Cabinet was held and it lasted until about 1:50 in the morning. Later Premier Konoye said: "The Navy Minister was highly excited and he shouted at Minister of Finance Kaya without listening to Kaya's financial explanation. Finally, it was decided to issue a proclamation, and as the Foreign Minister revised the wording and phrasing of the proclamation, the session finally ended about 1:50 of the following morning."

When I met the Foreign Minister that afternoon, he said: "The fact is that Kao Tsung-wu visited Ambassador Kawagoe and calling attention to the dilemma of the Chinese, said: 'It is unsatisfactory to leave matters as they are. We would like to have something done about it in the near future.'"

However, the previously mentioned Shanghai Incident broke out. There are individuals in China and Japan who are saying "The assassination of Lt. (jg) Oyama and the rousing of considerable excitement in Shanghai were caused by the increased number of Japanese warships and the increasing of the number of Japanese marines to 3,000. However, under such circumstances, the increase of personnel is only natural, and I believe it was actually inevitable. - - - From Consul Gen. Okamoto a message came saying: "Somehow I would like to see Shanghai kept free of the devastation of war." It would not be right for Japan to increase the number of warships, as I mentioned before, but that cannot be helped. Thus, instructions were

issued to Councillor Hidaka, and further negotiations are being carried on. - - - Further, the Commander-in-Chief of the Third Fleet has asked for more Army troops. Though we dispatched the troops we have resorted to diplomatic efforts thus far. If we should announce the issuing of the mobilization order; then the situation would be troublesome. So, at yesterday's Cabinet meeting, it was decided that - - - this is what Foreign Minister said - - -. That evening Gen. Terauchi came and said: "This present Cabinet is pretty weak. As there are a number of movements, we must make this Cabinet strong and have them carry on for a long period. - - - Hirota is weak. The War Minister is unsteady, so he is no good." - - - Konoye also said: "At the Cabinet meeting on the night of the 13th, the Navy Minister became very much aroused and shouted at Kaya. Since then, the Navy has become very vigorous in its actions." - - - On the 17th I dined with Ambassador Arita at Kuwana and conversed with him on various matters. Ambassador Arita said: "At the request of the Foreign Minister Hirota, I was, as a private individual, first of all to go to North China. Since I was to go to Shanghai, I was to be a sort of a diplomatic advisor for the commanders while I was travelling about Peiping and Tientsin." I (Harada) thought it was a very good course of action for the present situation. It seems that Arita has decided to serve the country well.

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第二頁第七行「てゐる」から「尙第三條改」の間「――」

を挿入の事

第三頁 第三〇三五

第五行「四大臣等」は「内大臣等」の誤り

正 誤 表

西園寺原田日記 昭和十六年八月五日 第二四九回  
 十三日朝内大臣と私邸で會つた處「大山中尉が殺された。それで上野では話かつかなくなつて結局元つ相當に入仕掛なものになりかけて非常に心配して居るか元來此終局が非常に難しいと思ふ。」。十三日夜臨時開議があつて夜中の一時五十分頃までかゝつた。で近衛總理の話によると「非常に海軍大臣が興奮して賀屋大蔵大臣が怒鳴りつけて府政上の説明なんか殆んど聞かなかつた」と云ふやうな事であつて「結局閣議を出すことになり外方大臣が多少字句をぼしたりして漸く一時五分頃済んだ」と。其の午後外務大臣に會つた處か「貴は川越大使を高宗武が訪ねて来て文相の苦境を訴へて和同「比」は困る。將來何とかして貰ひ度い」と言ふ話であつた。處か河の上海軍變が起つて來た。大山中尉が殺された。上野を相當に利殺したのは直達が増派されて。



陸戦隊を三千に増したりした事か原因だ」といふ事を支那でも言ひ日本側でも言ふ人がある。けれども然しあの場合増員することか當然であつて、已むを得ない事情にあつたと思はれる。で岡本總領事は「上座をどうかして兵火に見舞はれないやうにしたい」と云つて來て居つたか然し又日本の方から軍艦をさつさ言つたやうに増したのか悪いと云ふこともあるけれども之は致し方ない。で日高参事官には訓令を出して尙引續き交渉をさせてゐる。尙第三艦隊司令長官は「陸兵をおくるやうに」と云つて來たけれども兵は出しても同は外交的には勢刀しようとして今送來たので、ある種の望みがあるやうにも思へるか今「若し動員令を出す事を發表すると無謀か」五月五日から昨日の四時では安するに「動員令は出すかこれは發表しない」十五日寺内大將かやつて來て「どうも内閣が易い。いろんを運動かあるからやつぱり此の内閣を強くして長くやつて貰はなければならんといふ話で」廣田が弱い。陸軍大臣かどうもからふらして駄目だ」といふ話であつた。

十七日「此間十三日の晩の閣議は、大分海軍大臣が興奮して、賀屋を怒鳴り  
 付けて居つた」といふ話をして「あれ以來海軍が非常に強くなつた」と首  
 相は語つてゐた。  
 昭和十二年八月十七日有田大使と桑名で食事をして色々話を聞いたか有田  
 大使は廣田外務大臣に頼まれて個人の資格で元づ最初北平に行つて北平天  
 津あたりを歩いてゐる中に上海に行くので司令官達の一種の外交の相談相  
 手に行く様子を話であつた。自分は現在の爲に非常に悪い事だと思つた。  
 有田も非常に一玉懸命に司令官する心算で行く決心らしい。

SAIONJI-HARADA MEMOIRS

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Thus, instructions were issued to Councillor Hidaka, and further negotiations are being carried on. Nations such as England, America, France and Italy have said to Councillor Hidaka: "Since Shanghai is an international settlement, declare it an open city." Of course, Japan wishes to avoid Shanghai and the pact to cease fighting is still in effect in Shanghai. If China goes in accordance with that pact -- in other words, if China observes the pact -- this incident would not have occurred as it did. Though some advocate the withdrawal of troops or acting as the interested nations suggest, such actions cannot possibly be taken now. So I (Foreign Minister) said to Ambassador Kawagoe: "Fly to Nanking and open negotiations," but it seems that he hasn't left yet. Furthermore, the Commander-in-Chief of the Third Fleet has asked for more Army troops. Since we have resorted to diplomatic efforts thus far, our actions now may be misconstrued as having some sort of design if we send troops.

## 西園寺原田日記

二四九回

昭和十二年八月十三日

で、日高参事官には訓令を出して尙ほ引續き交渉をさせて居る、で、  
 美米佛伊等の諸國が「上海は國際都市であるから兵火の及ばないや  
 うにしる」と云ふことを日高参事官に言つて來て居るけれども元來  
 日本としては勿論避けたいのであるが、上海には停戰協定が未だ存  
 立して居つて其協定に支那が従へば——言葉を変へて言へば支那が  
 其協定を守れば斯の如き事は發生しないのである。で、對立の交戦  
 が出來ないやうに「兵を運け」とか或は「關係國の申渡で行け」と  
 か言ふけれども到底さう言ふ事は出來ない。で、川越大使には「飛  
 行機で南京に行つて交渉しろ」と言つてやつたけれども未だ行か  
 ないやうである。尙第三艦隊司令長官は「陸兵をおくるやうに」と言  
 つて來たけれども兵は出して尙ほ外交的には努力しようとして今  
 迄來たので、ある種の望があるやうに思へるが、今若し勅令を出  
 す事を發表すると事態が五月蠅いから昨日の函達では要するに「勅  
 令は出すがこれは發表しない」と言ふことに決めて——